



# RIVERSIDE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM



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## Employment Opportunities at the Riverside Metropolitan Museum

### The Riverside Metropolitan Museum: A Great Place to Gain Experience

Located in downtown Riverside, and just over a mile from RCC, Riverside Metropolitan Museum is a regional museum with collections from Riverside's history, local native American cultures, and local natural history. The Museum prides itself in having collections that are accessible to the public through exhibits, programs and hands-on activities. Museum visitors have opportunities to prepare real fossils, view live animals, or even talk with Museum professionals. The Museum is also a great place to work. Because it is a smaller museum, interns and volunteers often find that there are many opportunities to gain experience by working closely with museum professionals and collections. Over half of Museum Education department staff are college students, which has created a work environment that is flexible enough for students to obtain work experience at the Museum while pursuing a college degree.

### Museum Educators Needed

The Riverside Municipal Museum offers over 300 public programs per year, from school tours to programs in the Nature Lab live animal gallery. Museum educators are knowledgeable teachers who are responsible for delivering educational programs to youth, families and adults. Museum educators are responsible for interacting with museum guests and for providing general information about the museum's exhibits and programs to the public. Museum Educators carry out a variety of tasks, including giving demonstrations in the Museum galleries on subjects such as history, anthropology, and natural science, care of the living collection housed in the Nature Lab, teaching programs using real materials such as skulls, pelts, teeth, bones, using microscopes, binoculars etc. to teach about nature.

This position is excellent for individuals who interested in exploring museum studies, including natural history, humanities, paleontology, anthropology or education as a possible career. Incumbents will gain skills in public speaking, local and natural history, and other skills and knowledge applicable to any professional work environment. Applicants interested in gaining knowledge or contributing expertise in a specific area (i.e., history, anthropology, natural history, paleontology, etc.) should express their interests upon interview for additional consideration. Hours are flexible and can change in accordance with students' school schedules.

Training is provided! Educators will participate in an extensive training program that includes public speaking methods, care and use of museum collections, animal care techniques, and more.

**Museum Educator positions are funded through the Federal Work- Study program. Applicants must have a current Federal Work- Study award, which can be obtained by speaking to a financial aid advisor at RCC.**

### To Apply for a Position:

- Applicants are employed through the RCC Federal Work Study programs and MUST have a 2006-2006 Federal Work- Study award. Contact the student employment office or financial aid for details on acquiring a Work Study award. Proof of award must be submitted when applying for a position at the Museum.
- For more details about the positions, or to request an interview, applicants should call the **Museum at (951) 826-5124 and ask for Wendy Sparks.**
- Applicants who do not have Work- Study funding can still obtain work experience at the Museum through volunteering. Contact the Museum for details.
- All positions are flexible and assignments are usually based on students' interests.
- Interviews will begin in July. All positions will be filled by October 2005. Students may begin working during the summer.

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